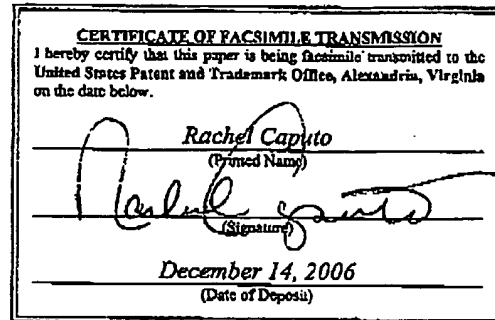


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The Action requests resubmission of the Amendment filed on September 6, 2006, to clarify the status of the claims. To that end, the Amendment of September 6, 2006, including a corrected page 2 thereof to reflect the status of cancelled claims 1-69, is resubmitted below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows:

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